

Items of statement.

published in a newspaper printed in the county a statement of the preceding year showing the amount of taxes collected in the county for road purposes and turned over to the highway commission, the amount expended in each township for repair of roads in such township; for the building of bridges and repairs thereof; the amount paid out for opening new roads; the amount of road machinery purchased during the year, and the amount of stock purchased and the cost of each, and the amount of road machinery and stock on hand; the amount of permanent road work done and the cost thereof in each township separately.

Entry on land for material.

SEC. 5. Strike out sections twelve, twenty-one, and twenty-two of chapter three hundred and thirty-four of the said Public-Local Laws of said Assembly of its session of nineteen hundred and fifteen and insert in lieu thereof the following: For the purpose of construction, improving or repairing public roads, the superintendent of road work or other person consulting the owner or his agent, shall have authority to enter upon any uncultivated land near to or adjoining the roads, to cut or carry away any timber except trees left for ornament or shade; to dig or cause to be dug and carried away any stones, gravel, earth, or sand which may be necessary to construct, improve or repair said road, and to enter upon any land adjoining or lying near the road, to make such drains or ditches through the same as may be necessary for the benefit of the road, doing as little injury to the land as possible; and any person willfully obstructing such drains or ditches shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined not less than five dollars for each day the obstruction remains. Any landowner considering himself damaged by reason of acts authorized in this section, may within sixty days from the commission of the act complained of, present his claim to the highway commission, who shall pass thereon within twenty days, and the owner may within ten days from notice of the decision appeal to the Superior Court. If the owner shall not recover a greater amount than that offered in the decision of the board, he shall be taxed with the costs of the appeal.

Drains and ditches.

Obstructing drains a misdemeanor.

Punishment.

Presentation of claims for damages.

Right of appeal.

Costs on appeal.

Powers of commission enumerated.

Entry on land for survey.

Notice to be given land owners.

The highway commission shall have power, on petition or on their own motion, to relocate, construct, widen, or otherwise change public roads or parts thereof, and to lay out and construct new roads, when in their judgment the same will be advantageous to public travel, and for such purposes are authorized, through their agents, to enter upon lands to make the necessary surveys. Before doing any work of construction, apart from the surveys, the board shall give to the owner of the land over which the proposed new road or change of road may run, at least five days notice in writing of a time and